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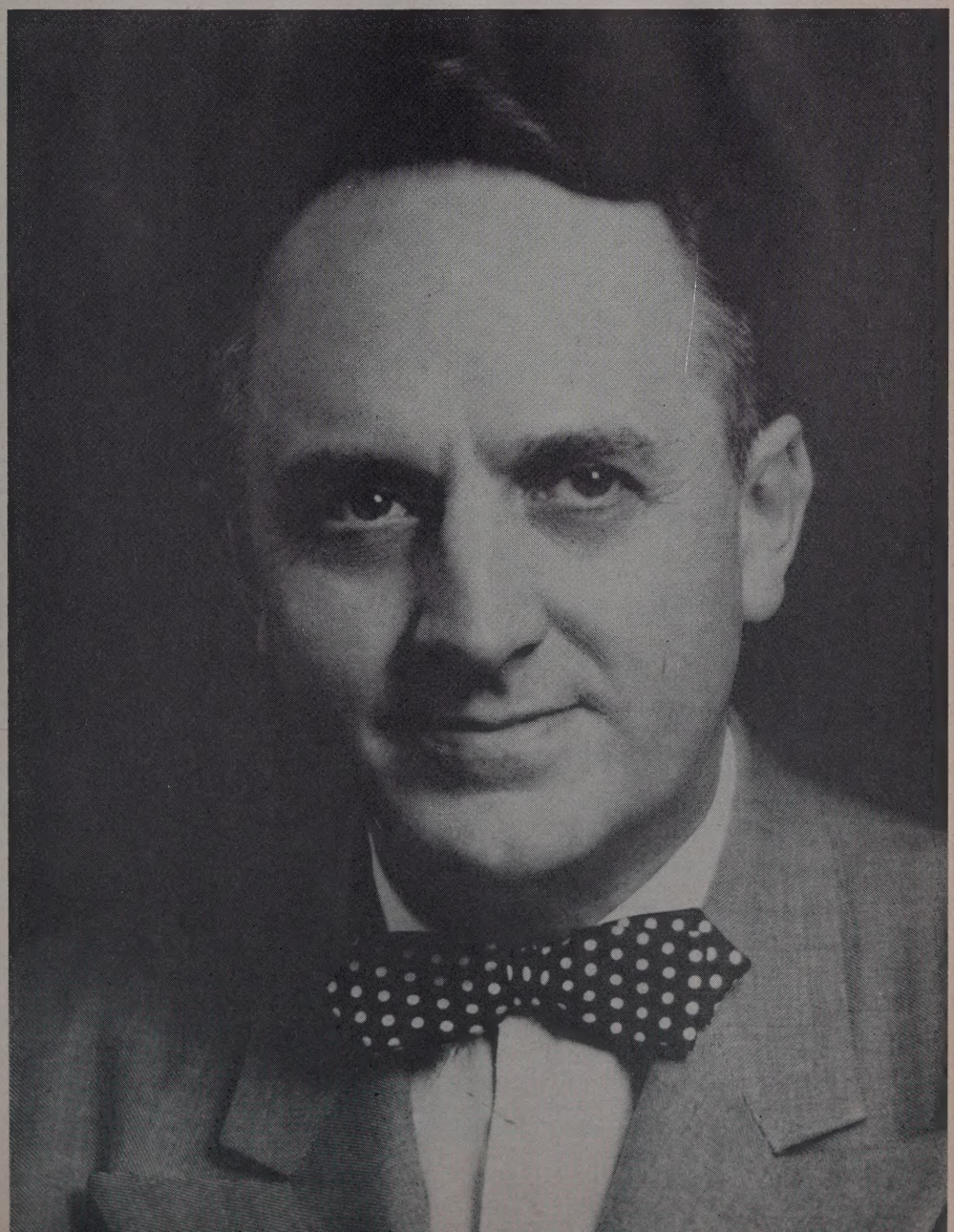

R. EARLE W. GATES

1909 - 1963

A LIFETIME OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff

The life of Earle W. Gates was a lifetime of Christian Endeavor. His active participation stretched from the local society, through the church, into the local union, beyond to the state work, and out into international and world-wide reaches of the movement. And always it was in a position of leadership, employed or volunteer.

In his early Christian Endeavor days Earle Gates was president of his own society. He was led into the executive secretaryship of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, having served it and local unions in many ways. As a state secretary he became heavily involved in the old Field Secretaries' Union of the International Society, later known as the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, the forerunner of the present Executives' Program Council. Earle Gates was part of—and indeed helped to inspire—many of the growth developments of Christian Endeavor on many levels.

He was at once a good husband and father, an outstanding pastor and minister, and an ardent and enthusiastic worker in the larger reaches of the Protestant effort, through the work of Christian Endeavor and other cooperative efforts.

Much in demand on the platforms of Christian Endeavor in many places, Earle Gates rendered distinctive service to the International Society as its president from 1955 until 1959. His concern for the work took him also into the realm of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. His voice and message was heard in many countries where he traveled in the name of Christian Endeavor.

At the time of his death Earle Gates was deeply involved in the work of Christian Endeavor in all its areas. There was the aggressive Christian Endeavor work at the First Church of Evans, Derby; the Erie County (New York) Union, largely a testimonial to the efforts of Dr. Gates; the New York State U which was always close to his heart; International Society in which he tinued to serve as a member of the E utive Committee, of the Executives' gram Council, and as chairman of Adult Work Committee; and the Wo Union of which he was a trustee.

Death has halted the steady pace was the lifetime of Christian Ende of Earle Gates. But nothing can the influence that was his. That time will continue in the lives and of the multitudes who came under influence. His was a blessed and u lifetime indeed.

At the time of his death the G family requested no flowers and na some agencies which might be incl in a Memorial Fund, including the I national Society of Christian Ende Gifts intended for this purpose sh be sent to Headquarters in Colu marked for the Gates Memorial Fun

October's Calendar

4-6—Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina
Contact: Miss Elsie Mae Sink, 601 Delmont Street, High Point, North Carolina

5-6—Colorado Fall Conference, La Foret Camp
Contact: Mr. Dennis Roth, 1608 South Washington, Denver 10

12-13—Great Lakes Regional Conference, Crown Point, Indiana
Contact: Miss Joan Pyle, 242½ West 17th Street, Holland, Michigan

12-14—Ontario Convention, Kitchener
Contact: Mr. Douglas Wrightson, R.R. #2, Tiverton

26—Maryland Convention, New Windsor
Contact: Miss Vergie Lou Rudolph, 217 Winter Street, Hagerstown

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

To Dr. Earle W. Gates, staunch Christian Endeavorer, this issue is dedicated. His life was an inspiration; he will never be forgotten by the thousands whom he influenced. Tributes to this dedicated leader and dear friend appear on Page 3.

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ARLE VINSLOW GATES

March 8, 1909 — August 1, 1963

On August 1 Dr. Earle W. Gates was called to his eternal reward. Dr. Gates was president of the International Society from 1955 through 1959.

Stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage in his home at Derby, New York, on July 22, Dr. Gates entered Buffalo General Hospital. There he suffered a second stroke on the night of July 31. Funeral services were conducted at First Church of Evans in Derby on August 4 by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Dr. Gene Stone, a former general secretary of the International Society, also participated and many Endeavorers from the United States and Canada were present.

Dr. Gates was pastor of First Church of Evans for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Theda; a son, Earle W., Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Kent (Carol) Maxwell and Diane R. Gates; and two foster daughters, Mrs. Emily Dawson and Pearl Reed. Messages may be sent to the family at Lake Shore Road, Derby, New York.

EARLE W. GATES was a steadfastly true and good man, who lived his vital faith in Jesus Christ and poured out his life in selfless service for men, women, and little children. He held worthily positions of trust and as president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor was the beloved spiritual leader of more than one million young people. As pastor, Christian administrator, good citizen, and beloved husband and father, he won and held the grateful esteem and affection of all who ever knew him.

Absent from us now in the flesh, he remains in spirit evermore with her who was dearer to him than his physical existence, with their children, and with all his associates in church and community and in Christian Endeavor. Though we sorrow, our sorrow is not in vain for Earle Gates has entered into the glory and wonder of those things that are hid with Christ in God. We shall meet again in the morning.

It was in a decision meeting at an International Christian Endeavor Convention that Earle Gates made his own supreme commitment. In complete dedication to Jesus Christ and with loyalty to the Church that was never turned aside, he gave himself to his ministry. No person of my knowledge was more faithful, unselfishly faithful, in his Christian Endeavor relationships. He rose from the ranks to the heights.

There was something in Earle Gates that was strangely like the devotional and scholarly qualities that were so vividly apparent in Stanley B. Vandersall. They were brothers of the spirit. Earle was a tender man, a thoughtful man. He could never bring himself to be happy in any choice or act that wounded another —whatever the cause.

The memory of him remains with me as one of the choicest and most poignant of all my Christian Endeavor years.

DANIEL A. POLING, *Honorary President, World's Union*

While touring the Holy Land we received word that Dr. Earle W. Gates had moved from "here to There." The news came as a surprise and a shock. But since we had been in the Garden Tomb and had seen with our own eyes where the Lord had lain, we too were quickly able to say, "Earle is not here, but assuredly he is There." He is with the Lord whom he loved so dearly and whom he served so faithfully. And so, in a garden surrounding the hotel in Jordan, we gathered together early in the morning to thank God for allowing Earle to pass this way.

Now, on the very human side, I did not want Earle to move for he was my very dear friend. I loved him; I admired him; he was a thrilling, dynamic soul. He was my counselor. He was a source of great inspiration to me and I had come to depend so much upon him. I was a guest in his lovely Christian home; I stood in his pulpit where he so radiantly preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I walked where Earle walked. I shall miss Earle Gates.

While president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Earle set a high spiritual standard of achievement. He ran a fast pace for God. I cherish the high privilege of serving in the office in which Earle Gates so enthusiastically and so successfully served his Lord.

The loved ones of Earle remain here. Alone, yet not alone, for with them and around them are the precious memories of Earle's life and living. And may we say to Mrs. Earle Gates, Earle's lovely wife and partner; to Earle's precious mother; to Earle's wonderful children: We are but a phone call—a postage stamp —a few gallons of gasoline away from you. But your husband and son and father, and the Lord Himself, are closer than breath itself. One final word: God never, never makes a mistake.

ARCH J. MCQUILKIN, *President, International Society*

IN THE LANGUAGE of King David, we say concerning Earle W. Gates, Know ye not that there is a prince nd a great man fallen this day in rael?" (II Samuel 3:30). I am happy r the privilege of having known and orked with this man of God through e years.

Earle Gates was a prince and a reat man in his ministry as pastor of e First Church of Evans for over 5 years. His place in the pastorate ust be filled, but no one will be ble to take his place. He has a nique place of esteem and love, not nly in the hearts of his congregation nd family, but in the hearts of hristians around the world. This has ome about because of his consecrated fe and soul-stirring messages de-vered in conventions and confer-nces of the International Society, vhich he served faithfully as presi-lent, and his active participation in nany world-wide gatherings under he banner of Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Gates was a prince and a great nan in his devotion to the cause of hrist. Many of us who were close o him were tremendously inspired y his courageous service at the 1959 nternational Convention in Phila-lelphia, when he insisted on taking is full share of the work in spite f the fact that he was in a cast from ip to shoulder because of a broken ack. Many of the delegates who hrilled to his challenging words never new the pain and handicap under vhich he was laboring. He was a rince indeed.

His heart was moved by need vherever it was found. He was greatly oncerned about the people of Hong Kong and led his congregation to ontribute to their relief. He was tirred by the story of the lepers and ook time out to preach for the leper olony in Hawaii.

We pray the Lord of the harvest hat He will send forth laborers into His harvest (Luke 10:2) like unto His servant, Dr. Earle W. Gates. Such men are greatly needed in these times.

CLYDE W. MEADOWS
President, World's Union

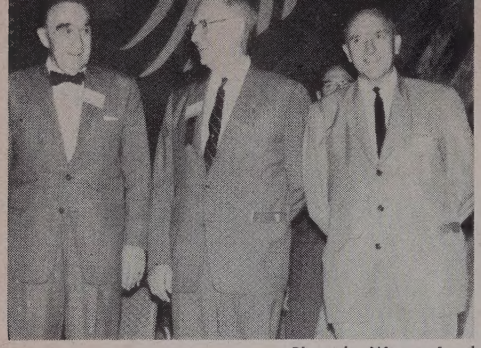


Photo by Warren Lund

ABOVE—Past presidents of the International Society enjoying the Washington Convention are (left to right) Dr. Daniel A. Poling (1925 - 1949; 1954 - 55); Bishop Clyde W. Meadows (1959-1963), and Dr. Earle W. Gates (1955-59).

Photo by Carl Henderson

ABOVE — Enthusiastic Texans set a booth in the Sheraton-Park lob to invite Endeavorers to Dallas J 6-10, 1965, for the next Internatio Convention.

Washington in Review

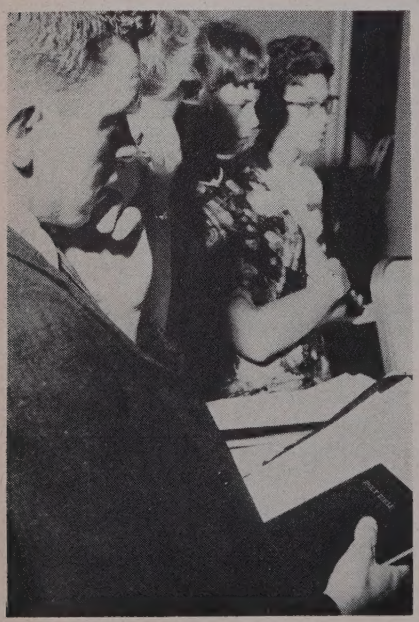
Supplementing the pictures and reports of the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 2-6, Washington, D.C., which appear on this page and in the August and September issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, two other items are now available.

The convention recording, WASHINGTON WITNESS, includes excerpts from the messages of the five evening speakers, the Quiet Hour leader, and the new president, plus choir music and singing by the delegates. Records will soon be shipped to those who have placed orders. A limited number are still for sale at $3.50 each.

Also available is an audio-visual presentation of more than 150 Kodachrome slides with accompanying script, prepared by Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., of Pennsylvania. These are available from the International Society on a loan basis; the only cost is for postage. These slides may be scheduled by writing to Phyllis I. Rike, Administrative Secretary.

Photo by Warren

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling en dinner with a happy group of Illi Endeavorers.



A QUIET HOUR period with Bible study, led by Rev. Andrew White of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, began each day. The Bible was also used often by the conference leaders who directed the 45 classes which made up the daily convention "school."

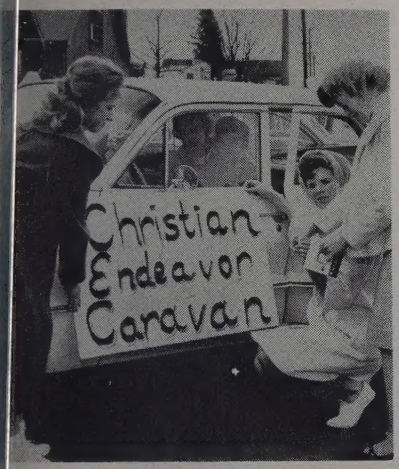
RIGHT UPPER—Arch J. McQuilkin, newly - elected International Society president, rides with his wife Helen in the Christian Witness Parade. They were chauffeured by Dr. John T. McVearry, Jr.

RIGHT LOWER—Grace Sabatino of Philadelphia uses her Spanish to help Mexican delegates Dr. Oziel Garza Rocha (center) and Dr. Hector Alvarez G., president of the Mexican Union.

Photos by John Hvasta

NEWS AND VIEWS

SOUTHERN REGION Endeavorers will t October 4-6 at The Assembly Inn, ntreat, North Carolina. Elsie Mae , regional vice-president, is directing rogram which includes Quiet Hour Bible study, conferences, a party, Christian Endeavor meeting with testimony time, business sessions, and opportunities to share ideas. Arch J. McQuilkin and International Society Staff members will participate.



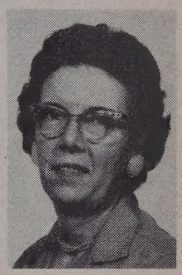
ASHINGTON STATE ENDEAVORERS om First Reformed Church in Lynden repare to join a 15-car caravan to eattle for the state convention. Girls utside the car (left to right) are eannie Lautenbach; Gloria Langrool; Kathy Ausink, president of the enior Christian Endeavor Society; nd Lynette Haveman. Convention elegates elected Mrs. Reuben Ausink, athy's mother, president of the union r 1963-64.

● WILLIAM J. VON MINDEN, for many years auditor of the International Society, has been nominated as a vice-president of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Election is scheduled at the annual meeting October 8 in Minneapolis. Mr. von Minden, whose home is Saddle River, New Jersey, is also a member of the Finance Committee and a trustee of the International Society.

● "CONQUERING OUTER SPACE" (Acts 1:8) will be the theme when Great Lakes Endeavorers meet October 12-13 at First Christian Church, Crown Point, Indiana. Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president, will be banquet speaker. Home housing makes the cost of the conference only $7. William R. Bonnema is in charge of the program; Joan Pyle is the new regional vice-president.

● KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK November 24-30 will mark the 13th annual observance. This event is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Christian Endeavor is one of approximately fifty national groups which make up the Conference. Societies and leaders in the United States may secure information about planning community observances by writing to Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society.

PAST PRESIDENTS of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union with the current president, Lavern Billig (fourth from left), were honored at the Saturday evening session during the state Summer Assembly August 1-4 at Dickinson College, Carlisle.



VEVA C. STEEN of Springfield is the new president of the Illinois Union. A P.A. operator and disc jockey at Sangamo Electric Company, Miss Steen is youth director at Third Presbyterian Church. She organized two Christian Endeavor societies in the last three years and serves as counselor of the Senior group, plus being advisor for Sangamon County Union. Superintendent of the Junior Department, 25 young people help her take care of an average of 125 boys and girls.

EMBERS of Christian Endeavor's International Fellowship Tour of the Bible Lands and Southern Europe pose on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, Israel, with guide Ziggy Klopp (front row, kneeling). The 42 tourists visited ten countries uly 22 through August 20. Not pictured are Mrs. Anna Hoverter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walley, and Martha Walke.

The Consecration Meeting

by Gordon McMordie,
Pennsylvania General Secretary

OBJECT

At the heart of the society is the Consecration Meeting, which while celebrated separately in a monthly pattern, is never-the-less a part of every Christian Endeavor meeting; the call to consecration being ever present.

The Consecration Service or Meeting provides incentive for spiritual growth and at the same time is a means of measuring spiritual growth. Both of these elements are essential to establishing young people firmly in the Christian faith in fulfillment of their covenant promise.

OBSERVANCE

Once a month the society should conduct a Consecration Meeting. At this meeting each member should respond to his name at roll call with an expression of renewed loyalty to Christ. This may take the form of a word of testimony to Christ for salvation, of trust in Christ for daily needs, of thanksgiving or praise to God for blessings received, of dedication to the work to which Christ calls; or it may simply be the recitation of a hymn, poem, or Scripture verse with special meaning or significance to the member.

It should be remembered that the Consecration Meeting is a deep spiritual experience and it should be made a very serious matter. The response to the roll call should be made with much thought and sincerity and the very reply to one's name considered an act of reconsecration. The mere reading or recitation of a familiar oft repeated verse of Scripture hastily selected should be discouraged.

The society that prayerfully observes the Consecration Meeting is usually the society that is successful in winning other young people to Christ and the Church.

THE SERVICE

Some societies conduct the Consecration Service as a part of their regular meeting. When this is done, it is most advisable for it to be centered in the program and not tacked on to the end.

This type of service consists of a brief word of testimony or an appropriately selected Scripture verse given by the member in response to his name as the secretary calls the society roll. It should also contain the reading in unison of the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

The following service suggestions will help to make the Consecration Meeting more meaningful to each member.

SUGGESTED CONSECRATION SERVICES

A SHORT SERVICE

When the Consecration Service is to be a part of a regular meeting, set it apart with a time of silent prayer to be followed by the singing of a hymn such as *Just As I Am*. The leader, in a brief, earnest exhortation, asks that the sense of personal responsibility be kept uppermost and the spirit of prayer reverence continued as the secretary calls the roll.

IN A PRISON DARK

Setting—a darkened basement room void of all furnishings except a piano which should be used as accompaniment only if necessary. Lighting should be kept to a minimum, coming from a single candle or oil lamp or through a small window. As the members must either stand or sit on the floor, precaution should be taken to protect them from dirt or dampness.

Theme Presentation—At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God (Acts 16:25). Undoubtedly they recounted the great experiences they had with Christ and exchanged thoughts encouraging one another in the faith.

Present Paul's confidence in God, his Christian concern and his commitment to Christ. Challenge the members to follow his example in displaying their faith before men.

Roll Call—Use the entire meeting time to develop an info atmosphere of praise and rejoicing in the Lord. As their n are called the members should be asked to respond in a va of ways so that the meeting is interwoven with Scripture (memory), favorite hymns and Gospel songs (sing only the fa verses), experiences, thoughts, and testimonies. Keep the m ing moving as spontaneously as possible.

BURNING BAD HABITS

Setting—Regular meeting room with a burning candle metal receptacle placed near by on a hot pad or asbestos Care must be exercised that nothing flammable is in the i diate area. A can type extinguisher should be handy.

Theme Presentation—Use flash cards with individual le to spell H A B I T. On the back of the "T" card, put a Chri cross. Set the cards out to spell the word HABIT. (Five pe may be used to hold the cards.) Remove one card at a from the beginning of the word during the discourse. (person sits down in order.) Follow this line of thought:

HABIT—We all have habits. Some habits are good h and we should cultivate them. Other habits are bad an ought to break or get rid of them. Habits, even little can grip us and control us such as: yielding to tempt cheating, disobedience, temper, pouting, gossiping, etc. in ourselves are unable to break these habits. We need strength that Christ provides.

Remove the H—and you will find that you have not g rid of the habit for you still have ABIT left.

Remove the A—and you still have the BIT that is g you all the trouble.

Remove the B—and you'll see that no matter how you try, you still have IT.

Remove the I—and you will discover that you are not able to get rid of it for it suits you to a T.

The only way to get rid of a bad habit or to change it a useful one is to commit it to Christ and allow Him to you. (Turn T card over and display the cross.) This is reason for placing our trust in Him for strength as we sa the Christian Endeavor Pledge. (At this time, repeat the pl in unison.)

Roll Call—Before the roll call, or at the start of the mee distribute a small slip of paper to each member. After the t presentation, ask the members to write on the paper the which they desire the strength to break and get rid of.

In response to the name at roll call, the member comes for and in an act of consecration lights the slip of paper from candle committing the habit unto the Lord. The member d the almost burned slip into the metal container, offers a s prayer and returns to his place. Close the service by singi hymn such as *O Jesus, I Have Promised.*

AN OUTDOOR SERVICE

Consecration Fagots—This is a campfire service and sh be held in the evening. Each member is given a small or piece of wood before the service. The fagots should be from a dry branch ½ to ¾ inch in diameter and be approxim 6 inches in length.

This service should conclude a regular campfire me where the challenge of Christian service and dedication been presented. The fire is allowed to die down to a bed of coals with a few flickering flames indicating the need for cated service to rekindle the fire and set aflame the wor Christ in the world and the love of Christ in our lives.

At roll call each member casts a stick into the fire as a of consecration, showing his willingness and desire to follow C and to allow Him to use his life. As one by one the fagots added to the fire it will grow in brilliance until it is ablaze great consuming fury.

This service is significant because it also demonstrates important each individual life or each act of service is to work of Christ. Small as the contribution may be, or see be, it is necessary to the total accumulative result or blazing

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: My All for Him

All That I Am

Romans 14:7-12

Our Aims

1. To realize what God has done for us and what we should do in response.
2. To lead Junior Highs who are not Jesus Christ's to give themselves to Him.
3. To challenge Christian youth to yield their lives daily to Christ's control.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Living for Jesus*
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2; 14:7-9; Proverbs 3:5-6
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Songs: *We Choose Christ; Give of Your Best to the Master*
I'm Not a Christian Because . . .
Question Time
Special Music: *I Surrender All*
Teen Testimonies
"No Proxies Here!"
Hymn: *Just As I Am, Thine Own To Be*
Closing Prayer of Commitment

blicity Plans

Have one of your artists draw and or or cut out of colored paper a Junior gh youth. Then cut it in pieces like a zzle or draw outlines on the figure t makes it look like a puzzle pieced ether. Use this on your poster along h the title *All That I Am* and the time d place of your meeting.

Or you might use this idea for your ster. Draw pictures to represent Tony morrow and the other characters in *n Not a Christian Because* . . . . Tony uld be shaking his head no and saying, omorrow." Connie could have a zzled look on her face and question arks about her head. Ray could have rebellious look and be saying, "No!" onna could have a questioning look and raising her arms and hands like peoe do when they don't know.

Still a third picture idea: have a Junr High young person kneeling before cross.

A skit announcement is often quite ffective. Try this one before your Junr High Sunday school class. The perons who are to take the four parts in *m Not a Christian Because* . . . give art or all of their speeches. After that omeone calls the names of the four who re to answer them, and asks, "How would you answer Tony, Connie, Ray, nd Donna?" In unison they reply, "Come o Christian Endeavor tonight and we'll ell you our answers."

For the Counselor

This will be an important meeting for your young people. For those who participate in answering the questions and in giving the testimonies, it should prove a time of strengthening in their spiritual lives. For young people who are not yet Christ's, this may be the time they will give themselves to Him.

Pray definitely for those goals, and work carefully and prayerfully with the leader and those who will participate.

Encourage those who give the answers in *I'm Not a Christian Because* . . . to give answers in their own words.

For the Leader

Ask four members to take the parts in *I'm Not a Christian Because* . . . and three others to answer the questions asked. Be careful in your choice of ones to answer the questions.

Choose one of your members, your counselor, pastor, or some other adult to lead the *Question Time.*

In selecting persons for the *Teen Testimonies,* be sure to choose those who can speak from their own experiences.

Have your counselor or pastor be in charge of *"No Proxies Here!"* and the closing commitment time.

Pray much for this meeting and especially for the young people who ought to give themselves to Christ.

I'm Not a Christian Because . . .

All eight participants are seated in a semi-circle or around a table at the front.

LEADER: We have with us four young people I'd like you to meet—Tony Tomorrow, Connie Confused, Ray Rebel, and Donna Didn't Know. Tony, I understand that you have thought some about being a Christian. But as yet you haven't committed your life to Christ. Would you like to tell us why?

TONY: Oh, yes, I certainly intend to become a Christian some time. I don't have anything against young people being Christians, but I think I'd like to wait a little while yet and have a good time now.

LEADER: _____, would you like to say something to Tony?

_____: Yes, I would. I'm glad, Tony, that you intend to become a Christian. You probably have reasons for thinking you should do this. You know Jesus died and rose for us and will forgive us and make it possible for us to be in touch with our heavenly Father and to have eternal life. When we're right with God then we can get along better with other people, too.

If you want to have a good relationship with God and other people later on, why not now? They say the longer we put off doing something we ought to do the harder it is to do it. Sometimes we never do it.

More people become Christians while they are young people than at any other age. Jesus says, "He that is not with Me is against Me." He also says, "Follow Me." He means now, not next year or ten years from now.

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No one cares for us and wants our happiness as much as God. From what the Bible tells us about Him, certainly He doesn't want our lives to be dull and miserable.

LEADER: Connie Confused, you look as if you'd like to ask a question.

CONNIE: I've heard religious talk ever since I was small, but I don't understand it. Just who is God any how? If I don't know Him, how can I do anything wrong to Him?

How could Jesus, if He's God, become a man? Since He died a long time before we were born, why do people say He died for us?

I'm not sure if I should be a Christian. Even if I wanted to be I don't see how it works.

LEADER: Connie's asked some important and not-so-easy-to-answer questions. But maybe ..... can help her out.

.....: The Bible tells us God is the creator of the earth and everything and everyone in it. He's the One who keeps things and people going. He also gives us spiritual life—life that will go on forever with Him in heaven—if we want it and accept it.

When Jesus was on earth He showed men what God is like. When Jesus died He knew He was dying for you and me. He knew we would be living in 1963. He knew everything about us then and He does now, too. His mind is not like ours. It sounds unbelievable, but He knows everything all the time!

God made us to know and love Him and to work with Him. When we won't think about Him and love Him and won't cooperate with Him, we aren't living by His plan. That's when we do wrong against Him.

He will forgive us—if we ask Him. And more than that, His Spirit will come to live within us if we'll give ourselves to Him. We can't see this happen, but when we talk to God about this and really mean it, He makes it come to pass.

There's a lot we don't know about TV, but we turn it on, believing that the ones who designed and made it knew what they were doing and that it will work.

RAY: So what if all that's true—I don't have to believe it. And I don't. I'm all right. And I can do what I want. I can get along okay by myself.

LEADER: I promised you'd have a chance to say something, Ray Rebel. Is there anything more you want to add?

RAY: No, that's it.

.....: May I say something? I'm sure all of us have had times when we felt like Ray. It seemed like we could be happy if we had our own way, and that we could get along by ourselves without any help from God.

I believe the Bible teaches that Satan wants us to try to get along without God—so that he'll have us instead of God. Whenever we go our own way—it's really going Satan's way.

Whether or not we believe the earth is round, could never change the fact. What we think about God can't change any facts about Him either.

We can ignore God. But what if He'd ignore us and forget about our oxygen supply for a while?

DONNA: I just can't keep quiet any longer.

LEADER: Go right ahead, Donna Didn't Know.

DONNA: I'm so glad I came to this Christian Endeavor meeting. I didn't know hardly anything about God or about being a Christian. I'm going to listen carefully during the rest of this meeting. I'll probably find out more that I didn't know.

Teen Testimonies

Have a few of your members prepare beforehand and give two or three minute testimonies on these or other topics:

1. Why I'm Glad I Belong to Jesus Christ.
2. When I Gave My Life to Christ.
3. What Jesus Christ Has Done Me at Home.
4. How Jesus Christ Has Helped at School.

Question Time

These questions may be discussed by your entire group. Or if your attendance is large, divide into buzz groups and have each group discuss one of the questions.

1. **What right does God have for asking us to give ourselves to Him?**
2. **Why does God want you to turn your life over to His control and guidance? Is this something you do only once?**
3. **Do you know any persons who are outstanding Christians? What makes them outstanding?**
4. **When do you think is the best time to become a Christian?**
5. **How do you become a Christian?**

"No Proxies Here!"

As Margaret Anderson says in book *It's Your Business, Teen-ager,* t can be no proxies when it comes t cepting Jesus Christ. Each person do this for himself. It is strictly a sonal matter.

The chapters "No Proxies Here!" "Seize the Day" from this book ma used as a basis for a talk leading u giving young people an opportunit accept Jesus Christ.

Committee Activities

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Have C tian Endeavor pledge cards and folder *What Is the Christian Ende Pledge?* available to give to any y people who make decisions for C

These cards and folders are avai from the International Society of C tian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad S Columbus, Ohio 43216, at 35c a d or $2.50 per hundred.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: In view o fact that there will be opportunity young people to commit themselv Christ and to understand more abou commitment at this meeting, make a cial effort to get prospective me to attend.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: If pastor does not participate in this m ing, be certain to let him know if young people receive Christ as Sav Also your Junior High Sunday s teacher.

As a committee be ready to su definite ways in which the Junior H can really practice the challenge o topic. Your pastor will be happ assist with his suggestions.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 28 Turning to God Joel 2
T. Oct. 29 Presenting Ourselves to God Romans
W. Oct. 30 A Sanctified Vessel II Timothy 2
T. Oct. 31 Love Demands All Deuteronomy
F. Nov. 1 All Our Hearts Proverbs
S. Nov. 2 Crucified with Christ Galatians
Sun. Nov. 3—Topic: All That I Am Romans 1

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Topic 2 in a Unit: My All for Him

All That I Have

Mark 12:41-44

blicity

lave coins or pictures of coins and ling money on a poster along with the stion *What should you do with your ney?* Also include the what? where? when? facts about your meeting.

the Leader

When you ask someone to do some- ng in the program be specific as to at he is to do. Say something to let n know he would be doing it for the rd Jesus, not just for you. Give him y materials you can or suggest where can get them. Check with the execu- e, devotional, and church activity mmittee for materials.

Have Junior High members take care all parts of the program except lead- g the *Life Problems* discussions and esenting the *Tenth Legion.*

If you use the film, make certain you ve a capable person to set up and erate the projector.

Have paper and pencils on hand for *hat Can You Do?*

Ask your counselor to lead the *Life oblems* discussions and to present the *enth Legion.*

o the Counselor

Talk with the young people who are to rticipate in this program. Let them know ou expect them to participate and to do it ell. People generally do about what they ink we expect them to do.

For this meeting it is necessary that some the committees provide materials. You ay need to check to make certain these are n hand in time to prepare for the meeting.

Your part in the program will be to lead e discussion of the *Life Problems* and to resent the *Tenth Legion.*

eader's Introduction

We young people who live in America ften have more money and other posses- ons than many adults in some other arts of the world.

As we study the Bible we learn that ow much we have is not so important s what we do with whatever we have, hether it be little or much.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philip- ians that he had learned to be content ith whatever he had.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
Scripture Reading: I Chronicles 29:11-13
Sentence Prayers
Special Music: *No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*
Announcements
Scripture Readings: Proverbs 3:6; Malachi 3:10; Mark 12:41-44
Offering and Offertory Prayer
Leader's Introduction of Topic
"Boulder Dam"
"All Mine? Not Really!"
"Nutty About Nuts"
Special Music: *Take My Life and Let It Be*
What Can You Do?
Life Problems
Tenth Legion
Closing Hymn: (first stanza of) *O, Jesus I Have Promised*
Mizpah Benediction

Why This Meeting?

To consider our responsibility to God in what we do with the money and possessions He entrusts to us.

The purpose of our meeting tonight is to consider our responsibility to God in what we do with the money and possessions He entrusts to us.

If we remember and practice last week's topic about giving ourselves to God, we will find that we also want to give God all we have.

"Boulder Dam"

In the book *Parables from Nature,* by J. Calvin Reid are eleven parables of Jesus, retold for young people.

Have one person read or tell chapter 8, *Boulder Dam,* the story of the Selfish Vineyard Keepers (Luke 20:9-16).

"All Mine? Not Really!"

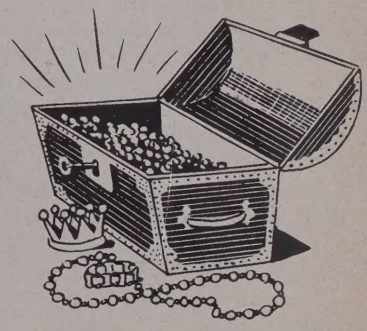
Everyday we use the words "my" and "mine." We say "my money," "my room," "my shoes," "my bike," etc. But are they really mine?

Have two persons present a dialogue, using the booklet *All Mine? Not Really!* The Devotional Committee will provide copies of this. (See *For Committees to Do.*)

The first speaker reads, or preferably says from memory the lines that end in *All Mine!* Then the second speaker replies with the questions that end with *Not Really!*

The first speaker gives the lines on the last page.

As the first speaker gives his part, have him or someone else display what he is speaking of or show pictures. Be certain these are large enough for everyone to see.



"Nutty about Nuts"

Have one person read or tell chapter 1 of *Parables from Nature.* This chapter is *Nutty about Nuts,* the story of a rich man who was very foolish (Luke 12:13-21).

Alternate Suggestion

You may wish to shorten or omit other parts of the program and use the film *Spending Money.* This is a 15-minute, 16 mm. motion picture. It is one of the films in the Family Films "Our Children" series.

In color the rental is $8.00. The black and white rents for $5.00.

This series of films is planned for children and their parents, so if you use it, you will want to invite your parents to this meeting.

The following is a synopsis of this film: The Hadley family children receive their usual allowances. Terry is saving most of his for a new bike. Dorothy feels that her allowance is too small,

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especially after she meets the new girl who moves in next door. Dorothy's desire for a special collar almost gets her in trouble, as the contrast in money concepts between the two families overwhelms her for the time being. A new lesson in right attitudes towards money is learned.

The purpose of the film is to emphasize that there are definitely right and wrong ways of getting and using money.

What Can You Do?

Give each person a piece of paper and a pencil. Then tell them that you are going to time them and see who can list the most ways he can use something he has to honor God in the next seven days.

They should list just one thing and then name as many good uses of it as they can. It may be their money, bicycle, hands, eyes, or something else.

Give them three or five minutes for this. When that time is up, see which two have the longest lists. Have them share them with the entire group.

At this point it would be appropriate to pause and have someone lead in prayer, asking God to help each one to do the things he has listed.

Life Problems

1. Jane wished she had a cashmere sweater like Donna's, as many skirts as Donna had, and a lot of other things like Donna's. One day when her mother came home from taking a casserole to an elderly neighbor, Jane burst out, "Mother, we would have enough money to buy that cashmere sweater at Long's if you wouldn't always be giving things away!"

If you were Jane's mother, how would you answer her?

2. When Harry suggested that the Social and Missionary Committees give baskets of food to some needy families at Thanksgiving time, he met with strong opposition from some members of the Social Committee. They said, "We'll never have enough money for our Christmas and New Year's parties if we buy food for these people."

If you were one of the other committee members, how would you answer them?

3. Bill earns $5.00 a week delivering newspapers. For his allowance he receives $2.00 per week. He gives $1.00 at church each week.

What are some good things for him to do with the remaining $6.00?

4. Sue has a regular baby-sitting job. She often earns $5.00 a week. She has been taking piano lessons for six years, and her parents have paid for them. But recently her father has been ill and out of work. When her parents asked her if she would be willing to pay the $1.00 a week for her lesson until her father went back to work, Sue pouted and said she'd quit taking lessons.

If you were her father or mother, what would you say to her?

Tenth Legion

Use the folder *What Is the Tenth Legion?* as the basis for this talk. Refer also to the phrase in the Christian Endeavor Pledge which speaks of giving: ". . . I will seek . . . to give as I can for the spread of the Kingdom . . ."

Present some information about the regular offerings received at your church. If your church uses offering envelopes, explain their use and the purpose to the group.

Conclude by giving members an opportunity to enroll in the Tenth Legion.

The Devotional Committee should have Tenth Legion folders and enrollment cards available for distribution. Also church offering envelopes if they are used.

Illustrations

Do you know that David Livingstone, the great missionary-explorer had a brother John? He did.

Early in life John decided to spend his life making money and getting rich. When he died in Ontario, Canada, he left about $500,000 and insurance that amounted to as much.

Nevertheless he is not known and honored like his brother David. In fact, not many people ever heard or read of him.

When David Livingstone died in an African hut, he was a very poor man, as far as money goes. But he was rich in heavenly treasures because of what he had done with the life and possessions God had given him.

One Sunday morning a few years ago, a well known preacher of the South walked down the aisle of his church while the offering was received. As parishioners placed their offerings on the collection plate, the preacher carefully noted what each gave.

When he returned to the pulpit he to his people, "Don't be alarmed bec I learned what you gave to God to Remember He walks up and down t aisles with each usher every Sunday. knows exactly what you give." Then read the story of the widow and mite from the Bible, and he reca how in Bible times, "Jesus sat against the treasury and beheld the ple as they cast money into the treasu

For Committees to Do

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: If the fil used, make the arrangements for secu returning, and paying for it.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: If you are able to borrow a copy of *Parables from ture* by J. Calvin Reid (Eerdmans), per the church activity committee can purc a copy. Be sure to tell the chairman of committee if you are unable to secu copy.

Order two or enough copies to giv each member and prospective membe the booklet *All Mine? Not Really!* T are available from the Department of S ardship and Benevolence of the Nat Council of the Churches of Christ.

Have copies of *What Is the Tenth Leg* and Tenth Legion Enrollment Cards for tribution at this meeting. They cost 3 dozen or $2.50 per hundred and may ordered from the International Societ Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Columbus, Ohio 43216.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: If the film is u give parents special invitations to attend meeting. Also urge each member to as parents to come.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: If the votional committee cannot borrow a of the book *Parables from Nature,* see a buying one for use in this meeting and to be placed in your church library.

If your church uses offering envel see about having some to distribute at meeting.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: A good fo up of this topic would be to present, fo next six Sunday nights, three mi sketches on men and women who given all that they have for the caus Christ. A book on the biographies of sionaries would be a good place to

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 4 The Parable of the Vineyard Matthew 21:
T. Nov. 5 The Parable of the Pounds Luke 19:
W. Nov. 6 The Danger of Covetousness Luke 12:
T. Nov. 7 All Belongs to God I Chronicles 29:
F. Nov. 8 First Things First Matthew 6:
S. Nov. 9 All for God's Use I Kings 17:
Sun. Nov. 10—Topic: All That I Have Mark 12:

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Topic 3 in a Unit: My All for Him

All That I Do

I Peter 4:1-11

Our Aims

1. To discover the amount of time Junior Highs give to God.
2. To discover how much of a Junior High's talent is dedicated to the Lord's work.

ggested Program

e-Prayer Service
ll to Worship: Ask one member to recite a verse from memory
ng Service: *We Choose Christ; Hallelujah! What a Saviour; He Keeps Me Singing; I Would be Like Jesus; Let The Beauty of Jesus*
pening Prayer
nouncements and offering: Chairman
sponsive Scripture Reading
ecial Music: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
ntence Prayers closing with Prayer
Song: *I Need Jesus*
pic: *All That I Do*
losing comments by Leader
losing Prayer and Benediction

or Publicity

Make a poster to display two to four eeks in advance of the meeting. Draw honorable judge dressed in his formal tire pounding a gavel on the table ith a jury on the side. The judge is ying *The trial of the T 'n T.* Under the rors say, *You, you, and YOU are lected to serve on this jury so come Junior High Christian Endeavor; date, me,* and *place. Topic: All That I Do. eader's name.*

reparation

Give the topic out to a member who ill be the Judge and another who will e Mr. District Attorney. Select a clerk nd five witnesses. Let these Junior ighs prepare their parts well in adance. The rest of the group becomes e jury; they need no advance preparaon.

The leader should be prepared with e closing suggestions offered later in e plans. Have the Judge dressed in oir robe and give him a gavel and a ble or podium. Have a chair for the itnesses to occupy when called.

ll That I Do

DGE: Order in the court, order in the urt (recites the judge as he attempts silence the crowd and demand the spect accorded the high office). The clerk will now read the facts on this case.

CLERK: The plaintiff today is accusing many members of this organization of embezzling time, talents, and money. Embezzling is stealing. This is a serious felony.

JUDGE: Mr. District Attorney would you like to call your witnesses to the stand?

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Your Honor, I have several witnesses here who will prove to the jury that time, talents, and funds are being misused in this organization. Wasting time is stealing time out of one's life. God has given each person a number of days, hours, minutes, and seconds on this earth to spend wisely. Our time is limited. The limit is known only by God Himself. Nobody, not another person knows this limit. According to statistics, if nothing accidental or physical plagues us, we should be able to expect about sixty-five to seventy years; the national average is near this. One thing we do know is when the beginning was, but only God knows its conclusion. As Christians, we do know that God expects a certain amount of production from our lives during this interval of time He is giving to us. He does not expect the same amount from all of us but rather according to the ability he has given us. We do know that the element of time is important in this since there is a given interval of time for us to live and accomplish His purpose here in this world. If we are not making the most of this time, we are stealing it from God. It belongs to Him. God has merely entrusted this time to us. It is in the form of a loan and He will claim it again at His appointed time. Let us be always glorifying Him. Let us practice the fruits of the spirit; be merciful, kind, humble, meek, and long suffering; forgiving our friends and foes. To fulfill His purpose, we must be in tune with Him always. We must walk as a new man in Christ. Walk not with vanity in our minds nor in ignorance because of blindness in our hearts, but rather renewed in the spirit. Let bitterness, anger, and evil things be put aside so that we may be loving, kind, and forgiving as God has forgiven us. As a child obeys his parents we must obey God. We must follow Him as though we are children. We must walk in love, putting away even the little white lie and all unclean things, foolish talk, and a sharp tongue, and rather give thanks and praise.

Talents are the abilities God has entrusted to us as individuals. If we misuse these abilities our talents are being robbed from His supreme purpose. The talent for beautiful singing should be guarded and used in an honorable manner. God is righteousness, love, and truth. Is there anyone so high or perfect? Our aim is to approach as nearly as we are able with His help this truth and righteousness. We must glorify Him with the beautiful voice if He has blessed us with such a marvelous talent. Few are so fortunate.

If we are privileged with a talent to speak in public fluently, then words of edification are honorable; those of foolishness are of no consequence. Your talents may be a great capacity for love for others, or an unusual ability of forgiveness. Or maybe you possess a wonderfully friendly spirit, a generous concern for others. All of these talents may either be useful and an essential means to an end or they may be completely wasted thus returning to Him void. To bury a talent is to deem it useless. To use a talent wisely is to develop and make it effective.

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The third crime for the court today is money being misspent. Money not being returned to the rightful owner is a serious offense. All money coming to us in a sense is a loan and a return of profits or interest is expected to the lender. The parable of the talents is a good example here. If we bury our treasures they are only preserved and cannot be used to multiply. Investing properly brings great returns and dividends.

JUDGE: May we hear from the first witness at this time?

CLERK: Will the first witness take the stand please?

FIRST WITNESS: Your Honor, a member in this group is too busy with school to keep his quiet hour. This is robbing God of fellowship alone with Him each day. He says he doesn't do or think any bad thoughts; he minds his parents always. He gets his school work done on time. He is good to his friends; he never embarrasses one for his own pleasure or for a laugh. He reads very good books never any questionable literature or magazines and he keeps very good company.

JUDGE: Let's ask the jury if this person is guilty or innocent of this accusation of stealing time from God.

JURY: (remainder of audience discusses amongst themselves so all can hear) God is entitled to talk to us alone each day. But if this boy is sincere, should this pardon his sin? Even if sincerity is not used properly? Did he know better? If not should he be pardoned? Or was this neglect and if so was this negligence deliberate?

JUDGE: Summing up the discussions of the Jury, I find this boy guilty of robbing time belonging to fellowship with God.

CLERK: Second witness to the stand.

SECOND WITNESS: Your Honor, one of our members is accused of robbing God of the talent God gave her which is a beautiful singing voice. Instead of using it solely for His glory she is appearing in talent shows, jazz sessions, and musicals singing popular and rock 'n roll songs. Is all or any of this good? Would all of this be acceptable if this voice would be used for His honor too? What is a good balance? Ability is developed through school activities at this age, should any of these be eliminated?

(Jury discusses this and the Judge announces the verdict)

CLERK: Third witness to the stand.

THIRD WITNESS: Your Honor, some of our members are not living up to their Christian testimony at school. They cheat in examinations although they haven't been caught. They feel they are not guilty unless proven so. Does God overlook this? They also tell little white lies but feel this is all right because they haven't been proven wrong. What is the difference between a lie and a white lie? Is a white lie a partial truth? Does this make it all right? Can a lie be the truth deliberately omitted, or is it always audible? A new boy came to school last week and nobody would sit by him because his skin is a different color. Should Christians shun this boy? What should their attitude be toward this student? Can Christians successfully hold positions on the student body and maintain their testimony? Does this give a good opportunity for Christian witness through leadership, or should Christians remain in the background for fear they will become tainted?

JUDGE: I'd like the jury to answer these questions in order to arrive at the verdict. (discussion of the various questions raised.)

CLERK: The fourth witness will now take the stand.

FOURTH WITNESS: Your Honor, one of the greatest athletes in the history of our school is in this group and we know his name will make history. But he is such a poor sport when things don't go his way. He has been nominated for football captain many times but hasn't made it because of his attitude and temper. Is he a testimony for God to his teammates and school friends? What kind of attitude would be better for him to acquire? To be an athlete one must have plenty of drive and determination. People can't stand "poor sports."

JUDGE: Jury would you please discuss this and arrive at a conclusion? (time for discussion.)

CLERK: We now call to the stand our final witness.

FINAL WITNESS: A few of our members are not acting like Christians when they are home. They feel the fruits of the spirit should be applied upon leaving the house. They want everyone else to know how good they are but there is no use trying to impress mom, dad, sister, or brother. They know them too well. Are these qualities genuine when they can be applied and removed at will? Shouldn't true Christians be concerned that their home be a very happy place with an orderly environment? We do spend most of our time there. Shouldn't mother, father and the whole family be entitled most of all to our respect? is Christianity merely a thin veneer?

JUDGE: May we have the discussion the Jury? (discussion by the group.)

JUDGE: I deem these people guilty all these crimes and sentence them their private rooms thirty minutes ev day for one year to get all these thi straightened out in their hearts a minds with God. Case dismissed!

(Leader: Give the group an opportun now one at a time to give account of or her stewardship of time and tale in the past month. Then make a list gether on a chalkboard how each c make his life count for Christ especia this coming week.)

Self-Exam

(Mimeograph enough copies of the "S Exam" to give to each Junior High pres at the meeting.)

How do I spend my time each week?

___hours in Bible reading and prayer
___hours in recreation
___hours in study
___hours in school
___hours at work
___hours with friends
___hours in worship
___hours in church work
___hours at home
___hours wasted
___hours in sleep

Is God getting His fair share of my tin

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 11 Do All to Glorify God I Corinthians 6:1
T. Nov. 12 Do All with Thanksgiving Colossians 3:1
W. Nov. 13 Walk as New Creatures Ephesians 4:1
T. Nov. 14 Walk in Love Ephesians 5:1
F. Nov. 15 We Reap What We Sow Galatians 6:
S. Nov. 16 Undivided Service Matthew 4:
Sun. Nov. 17—Topic: All That I Do I Peter 4:1

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Count Your Blessings

Psalm 103:1-18

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

nning the Meeting

t will be easy to think of a good idea a poster to advertise your meeting this k. Use your own idea and, as this is a y special meeting, you might hand out send out personal invitations, using the owing suggestion:

ne Junior
gh school society will hold its
nual Thanksgiving meeting
ext Sunday
night at
k-fifteen. Let's
et
n on the first
erse of the first song. An
nteresting and
ovel meeting is planned.
ather a list of things you have to
e thankful for, and
COME!

For a novel idea, borrow a table from church dining room, and hold your eting around it. Use orange or yellow dles. Have a bowl of fruit for a center-ce, and plan to take it to a shut-in after meeting.

Place a hymn book and a program at each ce. If the table must be quite long to e care of your group, it will be best for leader to sit at the middle of one side, her than at one end, so he will be closer everyone.

Print your programs on turkeys, autumn ves, or cornucopias. You could make your grams out in the form of a menu. For mple:

anks ..... Doxology (standing)
petizer ..... Hymns
ead ..... Scripture
ssert ..... Special Music

It will be necessary to have every detail efully planned, so the different setting l not take away from the spirit of the eting, but rather add to it. To save con-ion, it might be best to have the offering en at the door as you leave the room.

ader's Talk

Thanksgiving Day should be more n a day of feasting and having a od time. It is a very good thing for as our topic suggests tonight, to *unt* our blessings. It is good for us stop and remember how good God s been to us, and to do some serious nking about our obligations to the ver of every good and perfect gift.

It is so easy to think that the things nich we have are the results of our n labor. We hope our meeting will lp us to think, not only of the bless-gs we have enjoyed during 1963, but so of the *Source* of all these blessings.

To whom should we turn in gratitude for home, family ties, health, food, shelter, schools, and churches? Who made it possible for our great, free nation to be established? Who set in motion the laws of nature by which we have fields of ripened wheat and corn, cattle on the hills, flowers and beauty everywhere? Who provided the plan of salvation for a sinful world, and sent to earth the Saviour to die for our sins?

When we think straight about blessings like these, we will see the reasonableness of counting our blessings and expressing thanks, not only one day in November, but every day of the year.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Doxology (all standing)
Opening Prayer (by the leader)
Hymns: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; I Will Sing the Wondrous Story; For the Beauty of the Earth; Faith of Our Fathers; Praise Him! Praise Him!*
Announcements: (Including any Thanksgiving project your group may be carrying out, party plans for the month, committee meetings, welcome of guests, sermon topic for the evening, etc.).
Leader's Talk
Scripture Lesson: Psalm 103:1-18
Special Music: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Count your blessings
Testimony Time
Sentence Prayers
Closing Chorus: *Thank You, Lord*
Benediction: Psalm 19:14

Lessons from Life

A friend was a member of a party touring Alaska. On a Wednesday night they were in Juneau, and several members of the party went to prayer meeting, led by one of the native Christian women. He writes of the meeting: "Her prayer was for the simple things of life; the everyday things in which her people were interested. She thanked God for the water, for the trees, for the fish that were in the water, for the animals of the forest, all the things which they so much needed." Do we thank God for these things, and for the very air we breathe?

An honest farmer was asked to dine with a gentleman, and there asked a blessing at the table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That is old-fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at the table." The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of his household never prayed over their food. "Ah, then," said the gentleman, "they are sensible and enlightened! Who are they?" The farmer answered, "They are my pigs."

A group of Christian Endeavorers were visiting a county hospital one Thanksgiving morning. As they passed through a psychopathic ward one of the inmates pointed his finger at the group and called out, "Did you ever thank God for your reason?" What are some ways we can show our gratitude that we have our right minds? Look up II Timothy 2:15, Philippians 2:5, and Philippians 4:8. These verses will give some excellent suggestions.

Count Your Blessings

Friends. Can you realize how desolate life would be without friends? We should thank God for friends whose companionship we enjoy, and we should let our friends know that we appreciate them, too. Friendship is one of the greatest blessings of life.

Parents and Home. Many times we forget to be thankful for what is done for us by our parents, and other members of our families. There are young people—and older ones, too, who are prompt to express appreciation for services done them by strangers and acquaintances, but who take daily the loving services of father and mother without so much as saying, "Thank you."

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Think of the loneliness of those who have no family, particularly at such times of the year as Thanksgiving and Christmas. How does showing our appreciation to our loved ones make for happier home life? How, besides saying so, may we show our appreciation?

Health. Most of us do not appreciate the fact that we have good health until we lose it for a time. When we look at the crowded hospitals and the thousands of busy doctors and nurses, we may realize something of the cost of illness and of the blessing of good health. Why should we guard our health by obeying God's laws? Why can we not enjoy any other blessings to the full if we do not have good health?

Educational opportunities. A forgotten blessing in the lives of many is the opportunity for receiving an education. Any young person who wants one badly enough, may receive an education in America today. We sometimes think that going to school and studying hard is a burden, but in years to come we will realize it was one of the greatest blessings of life. This is a privilege which we have in America which young people in many lands do not have. How will Christian young people show their gratitude by making the very most of this opportunity?

Talents and Abilities. Each one has some talent that God has given him, and the way we may best show our appreciation is by using them freely for the glory of God. He will multiply them and make our lives fruitful and happy. In what practical way may we use our talents for Christ in our Christian Endeavor society. In our church?

Trials and Hardships. It is by facing trials and hardships in life that we become strong in character. It is at such times that we learn some of the deeper lessons of the Christian life, such as the blessedness of prayer and of depending from day to day upon the never-failing strength of our heavenly Father. Phillips Brooks once said, "Oh, do not pray for easy tasks, but pray for strength equal to your tasks."

Reverses. It is easy enough to be thankful when we are "sitting up on top of the world." The real test comes when we suffer disappointment and failure. Can you be thankful for failures? The lessons we learn from failures are among life's greatest blessings. Columbus failed to find a short route to the Orient, but he discovered a whole new world. Firestone accidentally spilled melted rubber on the kitchen stove, and gave mankind the indispensable process of vulcanizing rubber. No failure is a total loss, if we learn something from it.

Things you don't have. Sometimes we owe more to God for things we do not have than for things we do have. In a world full of people who still know strife and want and suffering, it is an unspeakable blessing to live in a land where such misery is all but unknown. Thank God that we never have experienced the pangs of starvation or want or pestilence; that we have never had to spend a night in a cave or in an unheated bombed-out home. Thank God that we do not live in the darkness and despair of heathen lands.

Opportunities to serve. Anyone who has ever said a kind word or done a kind deed, knows that it brings the greatest pleasure to the doer. Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive. Thank God for opportunities to serve through Christian Endeavor. Soon we shall be starting as a group to plan for Christmas. Let us ask God to bless our efforts to make life a little brighter and more comfortable for those who are less fortunate than we are.

Everyday blessings. How many of us remember to thank God for the everyday blessings of life? Or are we like the little boy who had been given a cookie, and when his mother said, "Now, Johnny, what do you say?" Johnny replied, "Gimme another one?" Isn't that too often the way we treat God? Our prayers are of the "gimme" type, and do not have nearly enough thanks to God for His loving care.

Our Saviour. The greatest blessing of all is God's gift of His Son to be the Saviour of the world. May we say with Paul, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." This wonderful and unspeakable gift is the result of love—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Our love in return is an obligation.

The Church. The church is the only divine institution in the world. It is His body, commissioned to carry out Christ's last command when He said, "Go ye into all of the world." Let us be thankful for the blessing of having the wonderful privilege of being part of such an institution. Let us remember that our Christian Endeavor motto is "For Christ and the Church." We cannot be loyal Endeavorers unless we support Christ's church.

The Bible. A blessing which has come to us through conflict and martyrdom is the free and open Bible. Wil Tyndale was burned at the stake translating the Bible into the En language. It is such a common pos sion to us in America that many do appreciate it enough to read it, m less to suffer for it. What has the p ilege of the open Bible had to do the development of our country? W sure signs do you see of the neglec the open Bible in our country? W blessing has the part of our Chris Endeavor pledge, "to pray and read Bible every day," brought to your this year?

Practical Projects

1. Put on a "sing" at the nearest old ple's home, and take along a shower of and jelly.

2. Provide a Thanksgiving dinner fo needy family.

3. Write a letter of appreciation t friend.

4. If your family does not return tha for each meal in your home, why not it over with mom and dad, and suggest you start doing this?

5. Send a cookie shower to a childr home supported by your church.

Picture Study

The Angelus (secure the picture fro friend or from the library) was painted Jean Francois Millet, the son of a Fre peasant. This scene, and others which painted are taken from his everyday exp ences. This picture shows two peas stopping in their work as the church (you can see the steeple in the distan rings the Angelus. A bell rang at morn noon, and night as a call to recite this pra Do you think these hardworking peas had much for which to be thankful? W lessons may we learn from this picture?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 18 Sing Praises Psalm 96
T. Nov. 19 Thanks for a Good Land Deuteronomy 8:
W. Nov. 20 Thanks for Blessings in Chris Colossians 1:1
T. Nov. 21 Thanks for His Wonderful W Psalm 107:2
F. Nov. 22 Thanks for Everything I Thessalonians 5:1
S. Nov. 23 A Psalm of Praise Psalm
Sun. Nov. 24—Topic: Count Your Blessings Psalm 103:
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

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Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: God's Three T's

Take Time

Hosea 10:12; Romans 13:11

ggested Program

-Prayer Service
ll to Worship: Hosea 10:12
gspiration: *Blessed Assurance; He Keeps Me Singing; Take My Life, and Let It Be; My Saviour's Love; Abide with Me*
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mn: *O Zion, Haste*
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omething Different

R PUBLICITY: Post different colored s in the church lobby and on bulletin ards. On key posters add the words, *ear About God's Three T's at Christian ndeavor Tonight.*

IN THE MEETING ITSELF: Have a large ck face over the Leader's table. Ask elve young people to take the *Talks the Topic* numbered I, II, III, etc. hen the Leader moves the minute nd to I, number I will take part; to , number II, etc. Each participant ould be limited to two minutes. This ill keep the meeting moving and add riety to the proceedings.

he Leader Speaks

With this meeting we enter upon a ries of three studies entitled, *God's hree T's.* For three weeks we shall be inking together about God's three gifts us—Time, Talent, and Treasure.

We should realize, to begin with, that l things belong to God and that we are ewards of the manifold blessings He as bestowed upon us. Sooner or later e must give an account of how we have sed them.

Time, the gift of God we are to think bout in this meeting, is mentioned in ne very first verses of the Bible. "In ne beginning" implies time. The earth is said to have been created in six days. God rested on the seventh day. The law of the Sabbath makes clear that one-seventh of our time should be given to God.

Many young people thus tithe their time. Christ and the Church need our time to fulfill their mission. Each of us needs this experience in joyful service to make our lives rich and meaningful.

In our discussion here we shall be considering such questions as: What is time? What is God's claim on our time? How can the Christian best use his time?

Talks on the Topic

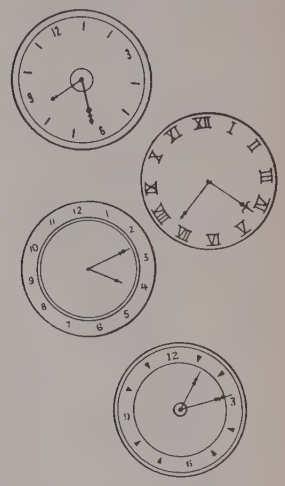
The following suggested themes might also be used for a panel presentation or reports from buzz groups. Individuals presenting these talks should use their own words.

I. What Is Time?

Time is minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years—man's feeble effort to hold eternity in the palm of his hand. For each of us it is the span of our lives—the days God gives us in which to prove our worth to Him, to ourselves, and to others. The best use of a life is to spend time for something that outlasts it. The life that is given to Christ is good for time and eternity. Our yesterdays, our todays, our tomorrows can be rich with eternal blessings when we are in Christ—the same yesterday, today, and forever.

II. God's Claim on Our Time

The days of our years are the gift of God. He brought us into the world. He breathed into us the breath of life. God gave and God will take away. We might say that every moment of our lives is borrowed from God and that He expects to be repaid by the use we make of it. Each day ought to be lived as He would have us live it. We should "count that day lost whose low descending sun sees from our hands no worthy action done." The least we can do is to set aside one day in seven as God's own in which we can serve Him in ways that will be well-pleasing to Him and will extend His cause and kingdom.



III. The Christian's Use of Time

The Christian will use the time God has given him to grow into the kind of person He would approve. He has given us a pattern in the life He lived on earth in the person of Jesus Christ. As a human being He grew in body, mind, and spirit. We need to follow in His steps in doing God's will, ministering to our fellowman and building for eternity. There is a little book entitled, *In His Steps,* written by Charles M. Sheldon, which tells the story of a young man who really tried. We all ought to read it and embark on this great adventure.

IV. Leisure Time

In these days when automation and union rules combine to make our working week shorter and shorter, we face the problem of how best to use our leisure time. At no time in history has man had so much time on his hands and had so wide a field of choice of what to do with it. Most people spend it in viewing television, at theatres and card parties, in swimming and boating, and, unfortunately, in drinking and carousing. With seemingly no purpose in life many people are facing all kinds of emotional and mental problems. Our hospitals are filled with people who simply do not know what to do with themselves. What can we do to help them?

V. The Better Way

Continuing the same thought of leisure time: There are many ways in which

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people can spend their spare time profitably. Every worthy citizen can serve his nation and his local community in Boy and Girl Scout leadership, in working for much-needed reforms, for civil liberty, encouraging the fine arts, providing clean, wholesome recreation and in other ways building a better America —a nation under God. Every good Christian can help in mission projects, conduct street meetings, visit the sick and the needy, teach in the Sunday School or week-day school, sew for relief, make bandages for hospitals, and win souls for Christ. For personal betterment we can read the Bible and good books, pursue study and research in some cultural area, engage in clean sport, travel, and develop constructive skills.

VI. Lost Time

Franklin once said, "If time be of all things most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality." Lost time is never found again. Putting things off "until tomorrow" is one of the best ways to waste time. Lack of purpose in life is another. We dabble in this and that. We dream, we sleep, we temporize, we start and stop, we come and go, we run up blind alleys. We get nowhere because we do not know where we are going. Purpose is what gives life direction and meaning, and results in achievement. The purposeful man uses every shining hour.

VII. Ask Christ

Most of us feel that we could use our time to better advantage. We could if we would live closer to Christ. He has promised to be our partner in the business of living. As good Christian Endeavorers we can start every day with a Quiet Hour in which Bible reading, prayer, and close communion with the Lord give strength, confidence, and guidance. At all times we consult with Christ. In emergencies requiring instant decisions we have recourse to His judgement. In our weaker moments when virtue seems to fail He is at our side to guide us into right paths. He will keep us in right ways all our days if we put our trust in Him.

VIII. Good Times

Having a "good time" is one of the chief concerns of most young people. Everybody ought to enjoy life, but in this world there are right good times and wrong "good times". Skating, bowling, swimming, boating, ball games, and other games of skill have their rightful place in the life of growing youth. But what about movies, dancing, gambling, and other questionable amusements? Time spent in doubtful pleasures is worse than wasted. Some of the questions we need to ask ourselves about "good times" are: Will this recreation improve my health or be a hazard? Will this exhilarate me mentally or will it appeal only to my passions? Do the people who like these "good times" represent my ideal of Christian living? Will association with such people help or hurt me? Does this amusement teach skills that will help or hinder me in building the good life? If we would answer these questions in a quiet time before God we would get the right answers.

IX. Planning Our Time

Men who have accomplished great things in life have made the best possible use of every hour of every day. One of the most distinguished men to edit our *Christian Endeavor World* was Dr. Amos R. Wells. Beside editing a magazine that had great influence for good in the Christian world, Dr. Wells wrote many books, participated in many meetings, conferences, and conventions and inspired the lives of countless thousands. How did he do so much so well? He budgeted his time. On his desk was a schedule for the day and he would move with clocklike precision from one item to the next until he had achieved his goals for the day. It is said that Dr. Wells was worth more to Christian Endeavor than any two men of his day. Planning one's day is a good habit to form. It will enable us to use every hour profitably.

X. The Test of Time

The ideas, the theories and the works of men come and go and are often forgotten, but time goes marching on. Time is a remorseless judge of the affairs of men. Time destroys the groundless conceits of some men and exalts and confirms that which is grounded in truth and right. We can learn much from viewing the wrecks of time and the abiding work of the immortals. Christ and the Christian religion have weathered all the tests of two thousand years of time which would long ago have destroyed them if they had been spurious or untrue. "In the cross of Christ we glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time."

XI. Time and Eternity

What we do in time will determine what we will do in eternity. This life is not all. God, in His infinite wisdom, has put us in this world with many opportunities to prepare ourselves for the life beyond the grave. He has promised us eternal happiness through His Son Jesus Christ if we will accept Him as Saviour and Lord and do His holy will. His hand will uphold us now, will hold us in death, and in the life tha to come.

XII. The Time Is Short

At best, our life span is short. cannot know the day nor the hour wh we may be called to meet our Ma and give an account of the deeds do in the body. Those who are out of Ch should accept Him today. Those w have been born again and who are wa ing in Him should work while it is d "The night cometh when no man work." The night is far spent and day of judgement is fast approach for the whole world. The forces of A Christ and atheistic communism moving forward at an alarming ra Men are standing in fear of nucl destruction. The Church is gravely we ened by apostasy, worldliness, false pri compromise, and apathy. The Com of Christ is always imminent. What we doing today with the time God given us?

Closing Moments

Place in the hands of all those pr ent, a mimeographed copy of the S *Testing Quiz.* While the pianist pl softly, *O Zion, Haste,* the leader of meeting may slowly read each ite pausing after each for the hours to checked. Then there can be a time meditation and decision as each per answers in his heart the final questi "Is God getting His fair share of time?" Close by singing the abo mentioned hymn and repeating the M pah benediction.

Self-Testing Quiz

How do I spend my weeks?

_____hours in Bible reading and prayer
_____hours in recreation
_____hours in study
_____hours in school
_____hours at work
_____hours with friends
_____hours in worship
_____hours in church work
_____hours at home
_____hours wasted
_____hours in sleep

Is God getting His fair share of my time?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 28 Diversity of Gifts
I Corinthians
T. Oct. 29 Stewards of Time
Ephesians 5:
W. Oct. 30 Faithfulness Required
I Corinthians 4
T. Oct. 31 Life Is Precious Psalm 90:
F. Nov. 1 Ministering as Servants
I Peter 4:
S. Nov. 2 By Your Words Matthew 12:3
Sun. Nov. 3—Topic: Take Time
Hosea 10:12, Romans 1

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Topic 2 in a Unit: God's Three T's

Talents on Trial

Matthew 25:14-30

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-Prayer Service
ll to Worship: Romans 12:1,2
gspiration: *Give of Your Best to the Master; Take My Life, and Let It Be; I Surrender All; Jesus Calls Us; Spirit of the Living God*
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Take about 20 minutes for a "Talent ight" program. Enlist the top youth lent of the church in 3-minute presentions of solos, quartets, instrumental mbers, readings, Bible memory work, c. An exhibit of paintings, posters, rapbooks, and artifacts would add to e interest. Get the most capable MC the church to direct the program and ep it running on time. This can be practical demonstration of the church's uth potential for Christian service. his can be an open meeting to which iends can be invited.

he Leader Speaks

Everybody who is anybody has talent hich can be used in the service of hrist and the Church.

Christ in His parable of the Talents nplies that there are three kinds of eople to whom God gives talents; genuses, unusual persons, and average perons. The geniuses are the five-talent lk; the unusual, the two-talent; the verage, the one-talent. The morons are ot mentioned.

God expects everyone to use every lent with which he is endowed. Some ave talents which lend themselves to ae Christian ministry, education, misions, and social service. But every talnt, whether used in church work or not, an in a very real sense be used of God. ohn Glenn and Gordon Cooper, in their

space adventures, had a conviction that they were in the will of God and doing something for the achievement of His purposes for mankind. They put their trust implicitly in Him and sought His protection and guidance. Their testimony has counted greatly for Christ and the Church and has given the youth of our nation a new respect for God.

In this meeting we need to ask ourselves some questions about our talents and, after some thought and discussion, answer them in ways well-pleasing to God.

Questions for Discussion

Divide your members into groups of three. Assign the following questions orally, allowing each group a brief time to discuss them. The suggested answers may be read as a basis for the discussion. Then call on each group for their own answers.

Question 1. What is talent?

Comment: Talent is that which is in a man's power to do and to do it more easily than others. We are born with abilities, often latent or unknown. Christians believe that all talents are the gift of God and must be used as He would have them used. All of us have some talent. A few of us have many talents. Only morons have none.

Question 2. How can we discover our talents?

Comment: We have inner urges to do certain things and to do them better than others. We get unusual pleasure out of doing them. We look about us and see others doing these things unusually well and we desire to seek their help in perfecting our talents. Often a hidden or latent talent may be discovered by seeking with an open mind the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pastors, teachers, and vocational guidance experts can give valuable help in discovering those talents which we are best fitted to develop and use in our life work.

Question 3. How may we improve and utilize our talents?

Comment: We need to fix our mind on some particular talent and keep improving it. It must be a talent which we believe God would have us use. If God has given us talent, He will help us develop it. There are schools and training centers of various kinds where skills may be developed. They should be used to the fullest possible extent, applying ourselves diligently to achieve perfection. Every opportunity to use talent should be welcomed, not only for our own practice and improvement, but with the purpose of serving God and our fellowman, and making the world a better place in which to live. Such incentives spur us on to use our talents more effectively.

Question 4. What are some of the dangers which talented persons may face?

Comment: We may think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think and become overbearing in our attitude toward others. Humility of spirit is always becoming of a child of God. We can become too quick, too adventuresome, too unstable in the exercise of unusual abilities. We may exalt talent merely for talents sake, becoming exhibitionists eager to show off and to do things merely for applause and headlines in the papers. As Emerson has said, "Talent working with joy in the cause of truth and righteousness, lifts the possessor to new power as a benefactor and servant of mankind."

Question 5. What different kinds of talents can God use today?

Comment: There is great need for pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and social workers. There is no greater work in all the world than that of serving God and humanity in the name of Christ and the Church. But not everyone possesses the talents essential for these ministries. Unless we have a clear call of God and adequate prepara-

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tion for such work we should not attempt it. God has many areas of service open to all Christians. Among them are teaching in the Sunday school, visitation, making religious surveys, doing chores for those who are ill, nursing, serving as counselors and helpers in Scouting groups, delivering tracts and promotional literature, working in church offices, singing in choirs, and accepting pastor's assignments for special ministries. Plumbers, painters, carpenters, plasterers, truck drivers, and unskilled laborers can dedicate portions of their time and talents to the work of the church. So can typists, secretaries, librarians, hostesses, and clerks. There is scarcely any talent worthwhile in the world that is not somehow useful to God. We owe the Giver of it at least a tithe of it.

Question 6. How can talent be multiplied by modern means of communication?

Comment: One of the amazing developments of our time is the increased speed in getting things done and the multiplication and extension of them to all parts of the world. IBM's can solve mathematical problems in hours that formerly took years. Through radio and electronics, sermons that could be heard by only hundreds in local churches can now be heard by millions. One is staggered by the thought that his talents can be channelled everywhere and his influence can be used of God to touch millions he may never meet. Incentives to perfect our talents and dedicate them to the service of God and humanity are greater and more compelling than ever before in the history of the world. Failure to use our talents in these circumstances becomes a greater sin in the sight of God than that which the one-talent man committed in the Parable of the Talents.

Question 7. Why should talented persons be fully committed to Christ?

Comment: Motivation for action determines the pattern, the direction and the dynamism of any undertaking. If a young man's talents lead him to choose the Christian ministry as his life work, his intention will influence the choice of his friends, the schools he attends, the choice of his wife and the way he spends his time. The measure of his commitment will largely determine the power of his life. If he can couple his talents to a sense of divine partnership with Christ, he will go far toward becoming a successful minister. So it is with any talented person in any profession he may choose. Commitment to and faith in Christ will give a strength, purpose, direction, meaning, and a worth to his life and work which he cannot otherwise experience. Much that he may be unable to do in his own power can be accomplished in the power which comes from above. And what is even more important he will be to God a medium through which His purposes will be achieved.

Perspective

Remind the group that this meeting is the second in a series of three, dealing with Christian Stewardship under the general title, "God's Three T's". Last week *Time* was considered, this week we are thinking about *Talent,* and next week *Treasure* will be our concern. These are all blessings of God which He has bestowed upon us and for the use of which we must as good stewards give an account to Him.

All *Time* can be used to the glory of God, but we are especially obligated to give at least one-seventh to Him. What other things did we learn about Time last week?

This week we need to keep our discussions and our findings in proper perspective, properly relating our Talent to Time and Treasure.

The tithing emphasis will highlight next week's consideration of *Treasure.* It might be well to do a little researching on Christian Endeavor's *Tenth Legi* What is it? What does it teach ab the tithe? Does our society have members of the Tenth Legion?

Talent Sheet

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that, if I am given opportunity, I will use my talents, checked below, in His service:

___Speaking	___Singing
___Praying	___Playing a musical instrument
___Typing	
___Nursing	___Teaching
___Calling	___Ushering
___Making posters	___Greeting
___Decorating	___Bookkeeping
___Cooking	___Leading meetings
___Surveying	___Writing
___Counseling	___Painting
___Baby-sitting	___Auditing
___Editing	___Repair work
___Selling	___Scouting
___Acting	___Publicity
___Recreation	___Recording
___Coaching	
___Entertaining	

Other things I could do:

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Closing Moments

In the last ten minutes of the meeti pass out mimeographed copies of t *Talent Sheet.* The leader or counse should summarize the findings of t meeting and challenge those present renewed consecration to Christ and t dedication of their talents in the servi of Christ and the Church. Before ma ing up the sheets have the hymn, *Ha Thine Own Way,* sung softly and w a deep devotional challenge. Then, the pianist continues to play this hy softly, have the sheets checked. Colle the sheets and turn them over to t executive committee of the society f use in further planning. If thought be they could be shared with the minist of the church. Close with the Mizp benediction.

Project for the Week

Why not take the "Talent Nigh feature of the meeting on tour? The are missions in underprivileged co munities which should welcome such program. So would jails, homes for t aged, convalescent homes and hospita In rural areas there are churches whi seldom have services, vacant sch buildings in communities which have churches where such a program wou be welcomed. It should be tied in wi a devotional service and testimonies fr members of the society. What better w to use your talents?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 4 Stewards Are Accountable Matthew 18:23
T. Nov. 5 First Things First Luke 5:
W. Nov. 6 We Give Our Account Romans 14:10
T. Nov. 7 God's Ownership Exodus 19:
F. Nov. 8 First Fruits Demanded Leviticus 2:1
S. Nov. 9 "We Are the Lord's" Romans 14:
Sun. Nov. 10—Topic: Talents on Trial Matthew 25:14

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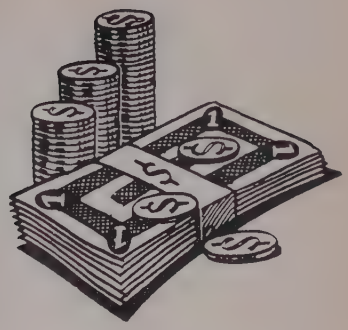
Topic 3 in a Unit: God's Three T's

Try Tithing

Genesis 14:17-20; Malachi 3:10



Our Aims

1. To learn what the tithe is.
2. To consider its spiritual value.
3. To evaluate the whole concept of material, physical, and mental blessings as they are related to the Christian life.
4. To find an adequate, tangible expression of worship.
5. To learn more about God's plan for financing the spread of the Gospel and the work of His Church.

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Prayer Time
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l to Worship: Psalm 96:7-9
nn: *My Savior's Love*
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yer hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great ehovah*
yer Period
nn: *When I Survey the Wondrous ross* or special number
ic presentation and discussion
nn: *Give of Your Best to the Master* r special number
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nouncements
sing Hymn: *More Like the Master*
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ader's Preparation

1. Study the following Scripture passages with a sincere prayer for understanding: Genesis 28:16-22; Leviticus 27:36,27,30-34; Malachi 3:7-12; Luke 11:42; I Corinthians 16:1-3; and such other Scriptures as you find which deal with this subject. Also study the *Daily Bible Readings.*
2. Study the Christian Endeavor folder *What Is the Tenth Legion?* Be sure there are enough on hand to give to each person present in the society meeting.
3. Write to your own denominational headquarters for materials on the subject. Secure the address from your pastor.
4. Write to the Faith, Prayer, and Tract League, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and request samples of materials dealing with tithing and stewardship.

romotional Hint

There is no substitute for a personal invition to the meeting. Check the attendance l and make sure all the absentees receive personal invitation.
Check the Sunday school records for prosects, and give them a special, personal vitation.

Introducing the Topic

Are you interested in making your money stretch farther? I know your answer is "yes," but I see the question "how" in your eye.

The answer is simple. Give to God the first ten per cent, the tithe, and you will be surprised to learn that the other ninety per cent will truly bring you more satisfaction.

Tithing is a principle of giving which is nearly as old as man. In the very beginning of time we have record of Cain and Abel bringing an offering unto God (Genesis 4;3-7). Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God, as a thanksgiving to God for victory (Genesis 14:17-20).

Jacob made a voluntary covenant with God after his experience at Bethel. He promised that he would give to God one tenth of all his increase. Down through the ages of history, tithes and offerings have been a very important part of man's worship of God. For many Christians the tithe is a minimum expression of love and devotion with offerings being given even above the tithe.

Talks on the Topic

What is Tithing?

Tithing is a practical standard for the minimum giving for the Christian. Someone has pointed out that the only freedom a New Testament Christian has in relation to giving is to give more than the tithe. To do less is to say that the Jew did more under Law than the Christian does out of Love, thus making the Ten Commandments more powerful than the Cross.

Tithing is God's practical plan whereby each Christian can have a justly proportionate share in the financial responsibility of the Church. This would include the fulfillment of the Great Commission to its fullest extent (See Matthew 28:19,20).

The faithfulness with which a Christian practices tithing can usually be used as a thermometer of his love and devotion to Christ and the Church.

God Has a Prior Claim

All that we have was created by God. At the best, we are stewards of the blessings of God. A steward is one who is given the oversight of the property of another. It is his responsibility to make wise use of his trust and thus increase his holdings (see Matthew 25: 14-30). God has given to each person certain abilities and talents, He has given time, life, and an environment in which we can grow and develop those gifts. What one does with his God-given gifts is up to Him. God has made an investment in each of us, but it is up to us to determine if this investment will be good or poor.

In the business world one must pay an interest on borrowed capital. If one were to attempt the impossible and try to reduce God's gifts to a monetary value, he would find the tithe (ten per cent) of his income a very low rate of interest on the capital investment God has entrusted to us. In the business world the interest on a loan is a priority expenditure. Dare we do less in our love relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

What Is a Dollar Worth?

What do you see in a dollar? What does it mean to You? New clothes?

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Good times? Hamburgers? Cokes and sundaes?

A dollar represents far more than that. It has usually been secured at the cost of a period of time out of the life of someone. If it is your allowance, it represents the time and labor of a parent. If you have earned it, it represents a period of your own irreplaceable time. Therefore, money represents life. To be careless and foolish with one's use of money is to squander life—either your own life, or the life of someone near and dear to you.

Wise use of money begins with giving God that which rightfully belongs to Him. By giving the first ten per cent of one's income to God one is recognizing God's prior claim as the true owner of all things.

The Danger of Neglect

When one will not give to God the tithe which rightfully belongs to Him, he lives dangerously on the sin line. Selfishness is the heart of sin says Isaiah: "All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). This is sin; turning from God's way to one's own way. The love of self leads one to make money and material things an idol. Many professing Christians worship their own private idol with their tithe rather than give it to God.

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21).

The tithe is essential to the spread of the Gospel in outreach to lost souls. God is depending upon man's willingness to "go" himself and "give" that others might also go with the message of redeeming love.

Discussion Starters

Jim is a high school junior. He has a part-time job. He wants to buy a car so he feels that he cannot afford to tithe until he saves enough money to pay for his car. Should Jim start to tithe now, even though it may delay the day of the purchase of his car? Or, would it be all right for him to start after he gets the car paid for? Why?

Ruth has a summer job by which she hopes to save money for her college entrance following her senior year in high school. When she receives her pay, she immediately takes out ten per cent for her tithe and sometimes more to give to some special Christian Endeavor project or missionary offering. Her friends tell her that since she plans to go into Christian service, she should put her tithe into her college savings fund. What do you think about this?

Tom's dad gives him an allowance every Saturday. Tom doesn't contribute in the Christian Endeavor offerings, using as his excuse that his dad doesn't give him an offering for Christian Endeavor like he does for Sunday school and for his church envelope. Should he be expected to give a tithe out of his allowance?

Dave has been making money through his 4-H projects. He keeps careful records and is very careful to always give the exact tithe to the church. He told some of the fellows that through giving the tithe he can be sure that his next project will show a profit.

Is the profit motive a good one in tithing? What should be the real motive for giving one's tithe?

Beth's always having money problems. She always has her allowance spent before she gets it. The extra she makes baby-sitting scarcely reaches to pay her loans from her friends for sodas, sundaes, etc. She is always broke by the time for Christian Endeavor meeting and feels guilty and embarrassed because she cannot give when she really would like to give in these and other offerings.

In what ways could tithing help her? Could tithing become a first step in helping her to learn to budget? Is budgeting advisable for Christian young people? Why?

John has just filed his first income tax report. He claimed a full tithe on his exemptions. He jokingly admitted that "it is only the government, they can't prove I didn't." Is it wrong to claim the tithe as an income tax exemption and not give it? Is it any less dishonest to "short change" the government than one's friends? Than God?

Projects

1. Interview your pastor and several others who have made tithing a practice. Learn from them the joys and advantages they find in tithing. You may want to re the interview or have the pe come to the meeting.
2. From the finance committee your church secure a summar the total giving for last year. W per cent of the total given for missions at home or abro What per centage of the total ing was used for the expense the local church? Make a c to show this. Find out the t number of adults who are m bers of your church and determ the per capita giving. On basis, using the per capita giv figure as the tithe (ten per c of total net wages), what was supposed per capita income your church? Does this indic that many or few of your chu members actually tithe?

   If possible make a conserva estimate (based on the more m est income level of the congre tion) as to what the wee monthly, or annual church giv should be if each member g his tithe.

   Have the group discuss question of Malachi 3:8 as it lates to your congregation; a relates to your society.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 11 God's Claims Numbers 3:
T. Nov. 12 Seeking the Best Matthew 6:2
W. Nov. 13 Much Is Required Luke 12:4
T. Nov. 14 First Fruits Commanded Exodus 22:2
F. Nov. 15 First Fruits for God's Servan Deuteronomy 18
S. Nov. 16 First Fruits in the New Te ment Matthew 2
Sun. Nov. 17—Topic: Try Tithing
Genesis 14:17-20; Malachi

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, ger secretary of Christian Education for the Ch of the United Brethren in Christ

Hymns listed in program outlines in THI CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have beer selected from the new CHRISTIAN EN DEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an at tractive orange and black krome-kot cover, contains 138 songs and hymns an 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from Internationa Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 Eas Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred

Give Thanks

Psalm 100; I Thessalonians 5:18

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

gested Program

Prayer Service
to Worship: Psalm 100
ns: *Come, Ye Thankful People; yful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
ouncements and Offering
er Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, ord*
er: (sentence prayers by all who ill participate)
ic Presentation:
eader's Introduction
een-talks:
Christ Gives Thanks
Paul Gives Thanks
Through-the-Bible Pictures
eader's Conclusion and activity period
ediction: (by a person who has been ppointed prior to the meeting)

blicity

Duplicate and cut outlines of Albrecht rer's *Praying Hands.* On each print message: *Give Thanks—who, how, l why—next week* (give place and e). *Bring a can or box of nonper-able food.* Give a copy to each person o is present for the meeting on the ceding week. Mail copies to absen-s. On the bulletin board place a ster with an enlargement of the art-rk and message.

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Draw, cut out, and letter the invita-ns. Make the bulletin board poster. ovide baskets and crepe paper of fall lors for decorating the baskets. De-n, prop, and assemble costumes for rough-the-Bible pictures. Assign parts. k participants to familiarize themselves th the material so they can present eir parts extemporaneously.

eader's Introduction

The theme picture for this week's pro-am is Albrecht Durer's well-known inting, *Praying Hands.* The significant ing about the hands is that they are t those of an artist's model. Rather, ey are the toil-hardened hands of the st friend of the fifteenth century Ger-an artist, Durer.

According to tradition, Durer and his friend shared a room while they studied art. But the struggle to earn enough money to keep them from starving became so intense that drastic measures had to be taken. The men agreed that one of them would have to give up his art training for a time in order to find a job that would pay enough to support both men. The friend insisted that, since he was older, he would go to work, and Durer could continue his studies. Both men worked as they had never worked before: Durer at his easel and the friend at his job.

The day came when Albrecht Durer's paintings began to sell. With an income of his own, Durer encouraged his friend to conclude his work. In joyful anticipation, the friend went back to his painting. But the menial tasks at which he had toiled so long had so hardened his muscles and joints and had so calloused his hands that he could no longer hold the brushes. He had lost the sensitive touch of the artist. Heartbroken, he tried to keep the secret to himself.

One night, Durer came home and heard his friend talking with someone. Quietly Durer entered the room to see his friend on his knees, his hands folded, praying aloud to God. Then Durer learned the truth and made a resolution. He would paint his friend's hands—hands that had become gnarled on his behalf—and he would paint them as he had seen them folded in prayer. The painting, *Praying Hands,* speaks perhaps more eloquently than any work of art representing human hands. To us, the painting should be a constant reminder to "give thanks."

Tonight we shall consider: our Lord's expression of thanksgiving; Paul's expression of thanks to the church; other Biblical characters and their evidences of thanksgiving; and finally how we may express our thanks.

Teen Talks

Christ Gives Thanks

Most of our expressions of thanksgiving are for visible blessings—the material things of life: food, shelter, clothing, health, friends, opportunities to work. And it is both right and proper to pause to thank God for "every good and every perfect gift that is from above."

Our Saviour himself set for us the example of public expression of thanksgiving for material things. Before He fed the five thousand He gave thanks to the Father for the five loaves and two fishes that were multiplied in His hands. When He instituted the Lord's Supper, He paused to express gratitude for the bread and the fruit of the vine.

But, in His thanksgiving for material things, He did not neglect to express His gratitude for those spiritual blessings which, being beyond the sight of man, are unseen. At the entrance to Lazarus' tomb, Jesus prayed: "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 11:41,42). Earlier in His ministry He prefaced His invitation to the weak and heavy-laden with prayer: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him."

When the multitudes pressed upon, when He was overwhelmed with the demands of the people, Jesus would retire to a mountaintop or to the seashore to pray. Although we do not know the content of those prayers, we can reasonably assume, because of the other recorded prayers, that He began each one with, "Father, I thank thee . . ."

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Since it was necessary and appropriate for the Lord to express thanks to God, how much more important it is for us to do so!

Paul Gives Thanks

At least eight of Paul's prayers are recorded in his epistles. Typical of these is the one found in Ephesians 3:14-21 (read the text of the prayer). Let us note especially the things for which Paul gave thanks. Four times he used the word *that* to introduce the urgent appeals he was making.

"I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." Paul's concern was not with the outward man, as are most men today, but with the welfare of the inner man. Luxuries and possibly even necessities of life meant little to him.

"I bow my knees unto the Father . . . that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." To Paul, Christ was not a distant deity, but a present, living Saviour. For the knowledge and comfort of this fact, Paul gave thanks as he prayed that Christ might live in the hearts of the Ephesian Christians.

"I bow my knees unto the Father . . . that ye may know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." Man needs many things—food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, and much more, but the greatest need that man has is the love of God.

"I bow my knees unto the Father . . . that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." We are made in God's image; that is our only hope. We have within us a spirit that is eternal. If we will we can be filled with the fulness of God.

For all these things Paul gave thanks. We should give thanks for the same things.

Through-the-Bible Pictures

(Build a frame four feet wide by six feet high and brace it to the floor with angle braces. Fasten to it, with metal hinges, a four by six foot piece of plywood or heavy cardboard. Paint the cover inside and out with black paint, or cover it with black paper. Paint or cut out gold letters to spell *Holy Bible.* Arrange a backdrop of drapery material. Provide appropriate costumes and props for each character and a spotlight. Have a reader introduce the Bible character as an assistant opens the book cover to reveal a living picture.)

Daniel

Daniel and many other persons were taken as captives from Jerusalem to Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel had always been true to the living God and had sung praises of thanksgiving. When Daniel was chosen, among others, to live in the king's palace, he refused to eat the king's meat and drink the king's wine. All the while he had courage to praise God and express his thanks to Him.

Job

Job's life is an outstanding example of a life of praise and thankfulness even in face of great trials and sufferings. Even after his possessions had been taken away, members of his family had been killed, and his own body had been afflicted with painful boils, Job continued to praise God. In his grief he said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Great faith and love are required for one to be able to thank and praise God in spite of temptations.

Ruth

When famine overcame the land of Judaea, Elimelech moved to the land of Moab. While they were there his sons married girls of this country. One of these was Ruth. When the father and two sons died, Naomi, the wife, decided to go back to her own country. Ruth refused to let her mother-in-law go alone, declaring, "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

Ruth is remembered for her wonderful quality of faithfulness and a life of thankfulness.

Lydia

When Paul and his party came into the city of Thyatira, they found a woman named Lydia, a seller of purple. After she heard Paul preach, she gave her heart to the Lord. Her thankfulness was then manifested in a very practical way: she invited the evangelists to make their home in her house while they were in the city. True thankfulness to God will cause us to want to express our gratitude in very real ways.

Peter

Peter was often impetuous and unthinking. No doubt the most disappointing incident in his life was the time he denied that he was Christ's disc
When he realized what he had c
Peter wept bitterly and repented o
sins. Because of his gratitude that C
forgave him, Peter was willing to en
persecution, beatings, and imprisonm
—counting it a privilige to suffer
Christ. He showed his gratitude
thanks by living a changed life and
serving Christ the remainder of his

Leader's Conclusion and Activity Period

The practice of setting aside a day
giving thanks is a good one indeed.
of course we should not limit our tha
giving to one day a year. Every
we should recall the admonition,
give thanks unto the Lord, for he
good." One of the very grand ways
give thanks is to share our blessings v
others. This we will do through
assembling of baskets of food that
be distributed to destitute families
Wednesday. (The leader will want
assist youth in determining the num
of baskets to be filled, and in decorat
and filling baskets that will be delive
on the day preceding Thanksgiving.

Alternate Program

Instead of the *Through-the-Bible Pictu*
conduct a Scripture hunt on texts that
cern giving of thanks. Ask the first pe
who finds the text to read the passage.
vision of the group into teams and com
tition during the Scripture hunt would
interest. The following are suggestio
Psalm 69:30; 95:2; 100:4; II Corinth
4:15; 9:11,12; Colossians 2:7; Romans
Colossians 3;17; Ephesians 5:20; Hebr
13:15; I Timothy 4:3,4; Psalm 75:1,9;
6:11; Acts 27:35; Romans 14:6,7; I Co
thians 15:57; II Corinthians 2:14; Phi
pians 4:6; Amos 4:5; Isaiah 51:3; Jerem
30:19; Matthew 11:25; 26:27-29;
14:22; Luke 22:19; John 6:11; 11:41.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Nov. 18 Praise to God Psalm 9
T. Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Is Continual Hebrews 13:
W. Nov. 20 Many Reasons for Thanksgivi I Pet
T. Nov. 21 Thanks for Everything Ephesians 5:1
F. Nov. 22 Thanks to God Psalm
S. Nov. 23 The Sin of Ingratitude Luke 17:1
Sun. Nov. 24—Topic: Give Thanks
Psalm 100; I Thessalonians
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Comments by Mr. Jay Sheffield of Cincin
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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

pic Summaries for November

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

ristian Maturity (four topics)

Christian Maturity—What Is It?

clesiastes 3:1-17; 4:1-13

alert youth said recently, "Christian rity is growing up in what you be-." This is a good working definition. rity is essential in the Christian life. equires understanding and effort. each write his own definition of rity; conclude with a composite. urity is many things. It is ability to judgment on the long view. It is grity. It means passing up the mo-t's fun for the long-range benefit. It he ability to make a hard decision stick with it, the ability to face un-santness, frustration, defeat, without plaint or collapse. It is the faith to II Timothy 1:12 and Philippians 3 in the power and serenity of faith. cuss each of these attributes. Add ers. How is Christian maturity devel-d through keeping the Christian En-vor pledge? Can a person be a Chris- without growing?

Christian Maturity—How Develop It?

I Thessalonians 3; II Peter 1:1-11

owth is the Christian imperative. A ly or a mind underdeveloped is pa-tic; spiritual life undeveloped is tragic. th is the foundation upon which the erstructure of character is built. Works and habits form the materials. Discuss Peter's sequence of growth in the topic Scripture. Christian maturity is attained by constant effort toward spiritual growth, plus consistent application of profession to practice. Discuss the values of (a) spiritual food (Bible study, prayer, worship, sacraments), (b) spiritual exercise (devotional habits, service, evangelism, stewardship), and (c) spiritual growth (faith versus works). One can no more boast of maturity than of humility. What are the evidences of its growth? How does a Christian develop maturity in daily living? Of what value is it?

3. Christian Maturity—How Reveal It?

Ephesians 4:11-32; Acts 4:13-21; James 2:14-20

"He's a poor Christian who doesn't show his religion." One's faith is revealed by his works. One's Christian maturity is evidenced by the quality of his witness, the consistency of his habits, the nature of his response to challenge, the depth of his calm. Discuss each of these. The Scripture reference from Ephesians gives instruction in revealing mature Christian practice. Acts 4:13 suggests the reflection of the spirit of Christ Himself in simple and unlearned men. The portion from James is a test of faith. Illustrate how each might apply in our daily lives. Describe a person who is spiritually mature. What is his reaction to various kinds of situations and stimuli? Illustrate. Contrast the one who is immature.

4. Christian Maturity—Wherein Rewarded?

Matthew 25:14-46; Revelation 2:1-11

"The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another," said George Eliot. Virtue is often its own reward. Likewise, each step of advance in Christian maturity provides strength and inspiration for greater attainment. How is this possible? Is the opposite true? A growing Christian, one who reflects calmness and stability under trial, earns the love and respect of his associates. Greater responsibilities and opportunities are given those who merit them. What are desirable human rewards? What are the penalties of immature behavior? Above all, God honors those who glorify Him by word and life. The growing, consistent Christian is made aware of God's "well done." What are the greatest rewards man can earn? What is the "crown of life"?

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

laturity Looks t Success

Of course, you've heard the remark: e's a success!"

But observation and experience help understand what this means. By ma-e thinking we arrive at the truth of matter: this person is usually suc-ssful, often successful—more likely to ceed than to fail! And that is quite record to have.

For we know that no lawyer wins ery case, no competitor in sports is ways at top form, no businessman or ventor or preacher avoids all setbacks d failures. The more one is concerned th peak performances and worthwhile sults, the greater are the risks he faces. A busy and capable writer remarked: uccess is never automatic. In my morning mail were six rejections. Every one was like a swift kick. I have been off my guard; I'd been thinking myself too smart. What I have accomplished today is going to bring an entirely different sort of response. I didn't dream today; I went to work!"

Maturity in character and purpose comes to one's aid in situations like this. If your objectives are important and worthy there is no thought of quitting when the going is hard or of being satisfied with the memories of past triumphs.

Nowadays the competition is tough. A university graduate with high grades has reported: "The personnel people interview a long line of applicants, and everybody in the line has high grades." Athletes now ready to better last year's record learn that a new high mark has been set. The company whose new product was a sensation last year is told by buyers that "all your competitors have come out with something as good or better—cheaper, too!"

And so "my best is none too good." Someone else is carefully preparing for success in your field, analyzing his past progress or the lack of it, concentrating on how better to combine imagination with sound and established principles in what one company calls "imagineering."

How does this relate to church work? Our competition comes from all the other interests—including the trivial—that appeal to young adults and adults. How often do we succeed in attracting them to Christian work and witness? Yet in such labors, if we serve Christ at our best, we are engaged in the highest calling known to man. Only He will know to what measure we succeed as His witnesses!

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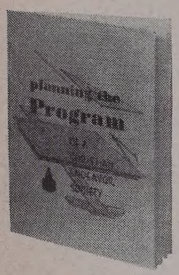

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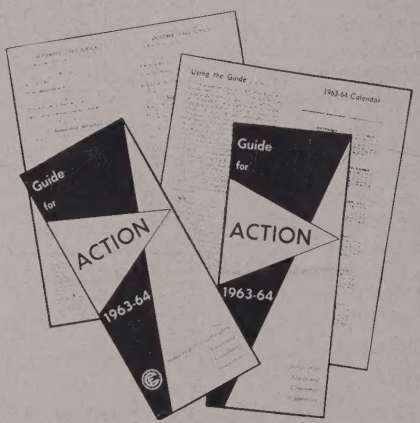

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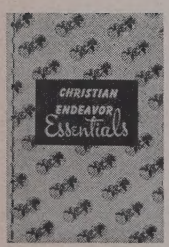

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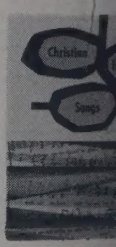

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